

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

# Town Center: GDA Signing Opens Future

Rockville’s new Town Center took a significant step forward as four partners came together and pledged their commitment to the project by signing a General Development Agreement in Rockville’s Mayor and Council Chambers on Sept. 9.

The signing formally seals an agreement between the Mayor and Council, Montgomery County, Federal Realty Investment Trust and residential developer RD Rockville, LLC (S.J. Ross Development and DANAC Corporation).

More than 100 people attended the signing. Among those in attendance were Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo; Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, John Hall, Jr., Susan Hoffmann and Anne Robbins; Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen. Members of many community association and business groups also were at the ceremony.

In this milestone of the

project, County Executive Duncan pledged to seek \$12 million in county funding over six years to support the development of the 15 acres that will be the first phase of the new Town Center. That area is bordered by Beall Avenue on the north; Middle Lane on the south; North Washington Street on the west and Maryland Route 355 on the east. Eventually, from this central start, Town Center redevelopment will expand to a total of about 60 acres.

“The signing of this agreement clearly shows that the future of Rockville Town Center is right now,” said Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo. “We are grateful to County Executive Doug Duncan for making this commitment to help build Rockville’s Town Center. No one in this County knows the importance a thriving downtown Rockville will have for this City, and all of Montgomery County, more than Doug Duncan.”



Among those present at the General Development Agreement signing are, left to right: John Jaeger and Scott Ross of RD Rockville, Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Councilmembers Susan Hoffmann and Bob Dorsey, Mayor Larry Giammo, Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, Councilmembers Anne Robbins and John Hall, Jr., and Don Woods of Federal Realty.

The County Executive will pursue the issue with the County Council this fall. A separate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed by the County in the near future.

“The new shape of Rockville begins today,” said Duncan. “The revitalized, renewed Town Center will provide a new focus and energy for the City, and the County is proud to be a partner in this exciting project.”

The new Town Center will include a mix of retail, restaurant, entertainment, residential and office uses. The new Rockville Regional Library, which will become the largest library in the Montgomery County system, will be a key element of Town Center. A town square that fronts the library is included in the design, along with wide sidewalks that will create a pedestrian environment with outdoor cafes. The

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planned residential projects will include 665-775 total units (350-400 apartments and 315-375 one- and two-bedroom condominiums). Three public parking garages and one private garage, along with on-street parking, will create extensive parking to support the project.

It is intended that construction on the library, the town square, the first parking garage and the first retail buildings will begin in early 2004. Those projects are scheduled to be completed by early 2006.

More information on Town Center is available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/towncenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/towncenter). **RR**



**DOGGIE DIP DAY ...** Approximately 400 canines swam the day away at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center on Sept. 6 as part of a fund-raiser for Montgomery Humane Society. Aquatics Supervisor Beth Fowler said the first-time Rockville event was a complete success, as dogs and owners alike enjoyed the dip time. See page 7 for details.

## RHE Proceeds on Moore Dr.

Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE), the independent agency that oversees public housing in the City of Rockville, has been granted approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to move ahead with plans to replace the 45-year-old 65-unit Lincoln Terrace public housing rental property on Moore Drive with 60 new units that will be owned by residents of varied incomes.

Current Lincoln Terrace residents will have first priority for other public housing units that become available in RHE’s inventory, or they will be provided a Section 8 housing voucher that will subsidize rents in other locations. All reasonable costs of relocations will be paid by RHE.

To redevelop the Moore Drive property, RHE will be partnering

with Mid-City Urban, LLC of Silver Spring. Demolition is scheduled to begin in October 2004. Construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2006.

Of the 60 new units, at least 18 will be for households with incomes that are less than 60 percent of the area median income; 22 units will be for households with incomes between 60 and 80 percent of area median income and 20 units will be sold at market rates for households with incomes of more than 80 percent of median income.

“We have worked very hard on a plan that will revitalize Moore Drive,” said George T. Young, Jr., executive director of RHE, “and just as importantly, enhance and energize this entire area of the Lincoln Park neighborhood.” **RR**



## Election 2003: Candidates Are In.

See page 5 for a complete story on who is running for the next Rockville Mayor and Council, and details on the ballot question.

## Election Day Is Nov. 4.

## October’s Best of Rockville

### Oct. 12

**Rockville 10K/5K.** “Still the oldest continuing race in Montgomery County.” Choose the 10K or 5K. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center. Discount for early registration. [www.mcrc.org/rockville10k](http://www.mcrc.org/rockville10k).

### Oct. 18

**Antique and Classic Car Show.** This year’s highlight: Celebrating 100 years of Ford. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion grounds. Rain date: Oct. 25. Free to spectators. 240-314-5022. See story page 6.



### Haunting

**Halloween Events Galore.** From Haunted Happenings, to the Fall Spooktacular (pictured on left) to Community Center Trick-or-Treating, Rockville has plenty of family fun to celebrate Halloween. See listings on page 6.

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# www.rockvillemd.gov Is Here

When accessing Rockville’s Web site, users will now only have to remember a simple address: [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov), thanks to the efforts of the City’s Information and Technology Department.

The City’s Web address previously contained several “dots” and more letters, which could be confusing. Now, after the official Web launch at the Mayor and Council General Session on Monday, Sept. 8, users will be able to access the City’s site with ease.

“We’ve been working on this upgrade for many months,” said Web Administrator Betsy Robbins.

In addition to the new address, the staff has completed the next phase of the original redesign project that was



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launched in October of 2002. With this complete redesign, the site is easier to navigate and contains many new features including a frequently asked questions section, Citywide searchable calendar of events, new search feature and many new departmental pages.

“Not only does it look better, but we have streamlined many of the ways information can be accessed by adding more commonly used links on the home page and other key pages,” Robbins said.

The revised navigation and structure is the result of feedback from numerous focus groups with City residents and City staff. The design also reflects national trends and usability studies.

The new site utilizes a content management system that will allow City staff in all departments to contribute Web updates directly, resulting in more timely information being posted for residents.

Remember to update the bookmark on Web browsers to reflect the new address: [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). **RR**



**This house on Forest Avenue is one of the stops along the Peerless Rockville Historic Homes Tour on Sunday, Oct. 19.**

## An Historic Week

*Peerless Rockville Hosts a Variety of Events, Programs Oct. 11-19*

To raise community awareness about the role it plays in promoting local history, Peerless Rockville each year sponsors “Peerless Rockville Week.”

This year, Peerless Rockville Week runs Oct. 11-19 and includes a variety of events, ending with the Historic Homes Tour and Antique and Crafts Fair on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Peerless Rockville is a nonprofit, community-based organization founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville’s heritage. For more information about Peerless Rockville Week, call 301-762-0096 or check [www.peerlessrockville.org](http://www.peerlessrockville.org). **RR**

# Councilmember Bob Dorsey Becomes New COG President

Rockville Councilmember Bob Dorsey has become president pro tem of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments effective Sept. 12. Dorsey, who had served as vice president, succeeds John Koskinen, who stepped down from his role as COG president upon leaving his post as the District of Columbia’s deputy mayor and city administrator.

Dorsey, in his fifth term as a Rockville Councilmember, has served as COG’s vice president since January 2003. He will serve as president pro tem until Dec. 11, at which

new corporate officers will be elected for the 2004 term. Under the normal progression of officers, at that time Dorsey will be named to a full one-year term as president.

COG is composed of 18 local jurisdictions in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Its purpose is to share ideas and work toward common regional goals. The Board of Directors is COG’s governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. As president, Dorsey will serve as the primary spokesperson for the

Council of Governments. One of his major duties will be to preside over the annual COG membership meeting in December.

Dorsey said he will use his position to foster several goals common to jurisdictions around the Beltway.

“In particular, I want us to concentrate on workforce issues,” said Dorsey. “These are issues that affect every area that makes up the membership of COG. Making progress on some of these issues could really have an impact, and that is what COG is all about.” **RR**

**Focus on LINKAGES TO LEARNING**

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, “Focus On” will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

### City Helps Provide the Link to Learning

Rockville’s only school-based social services assistance has started its first full year at Maryvale Elementary School with many resources and the ability to make a difference in the lives of dozens of students and their families.

Maryvale is home to Montgomery County’s 23rd “Linkages to Learning” program, but the program at the Rockville school is the only one operated by a government youth services agency. The Mayor and Council enthusiastically endorsed the program last year and it began opera-

tion at Maryvale in March.

Through its association with Rockville’s Department of Neighborhood Community Services, the Maryvale Linkages program is an excellent position to help students whose socio-economic backgrounds may affect their ability to get the maximum of their school experience. The setup allows students and their parents easy access to other social services agencies.

“Our primary focus is the improve academic achievement,” said Carol Binta, a City employee who serves as the program’s site coordinator and works with a case manager, an assistant case manager and a

mental health counselor. “By being located in Maryvale, it draws parents to the school, and that gives us such a great advantage in trying to help the students.” **RR**



**The four dedicated team members of the Linkages to Learning staff at Maryvale Elementary School are (sitting left to right): Louise Bradford, Rachel Kavanagh, (standing left to right) Belen Bryant and Carol Binta.**

## 3 Groups to Host Televised Debates on Rockville Channel

Three groups have been selected by lottery to hold forums among candidates for Rockville’s Mayor and Council that will be broadcast on the City’s cable television station, The Rockville Channel (TRC-11). A change in Rockville’s campaign policies approved earlier this year by the Mayor and Council provided that up to three debates would be televised prior to City elections.

The first debate to be televised will be sponsored jointly by the Hungerford Civic Association, the Lynfield Neighborhood Association and the New Mark Commons Home Owners Association. The forum is scheduled for Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Elwood Smith Community Center.

The East Rockville Civic Association and the Lincoln Park Civic Association will co-sponsor an Oct. 9 forum starting at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Community Center.

Seven community associations that joined together as a forum sponsor were selected to host the third forum at the County Executive Office Building Cafeteria, beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

The debates will be broadcast numerous times on TRC-11 prior to the Nov. 4 election. **RR**



## GRP Reorganizes With New Board, New Energy

The Greater Rockville Partnership (GRP), the economic development arm of the City of Rockville, has entered Fiscal Year 2003-04 with a new Board of Directors and a revised strategic plan to expand Rockville's business base and lend support to existing businesses.

GRP, now in its sixth year as an independent organization working to enhance the Rockville business community, takes on an even more important role in the new year as the City nears redevelopment of its Town Center.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for early 2004 with the first projects—including the new Rockville Regional Library—scheduled to be completed in early 2006.

"This is an exciting time for Rockville, and an exciting time for the Greater Rockville Partnership," said Sally Sternbach, who was named GRP's Executive Director in January. "We start the new fiscal year with new priorities, a new board, and most of all, a blast of new energy that will go toward making Rockville the business jewel of Montgomery County."

Al Lampert, President of Aspen Systems, will continue as GRP's Chairman of the Board. He has held that position since GRP was founded in 1997. Paul Love of the business and estate planning firm Foster, Soltoff & Love and Larry Cunnick of Biocon, Inc., will continue as GRP Vice-Presidents. Ken Scales, Vice-President and regional manager for EagleBank, and Harry Wolpoff, founder and partner of Wolpoff &

Abramson, are the new GRP's Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

In its reorganizational year, GRP's four major strategic initiatives center on:

- Supporting the redevelopment of Town Center
- Expanding Rockville's business base
- Retaining Rockville's existing business base
- Improving GRP visibility so the organization is positioned to be of increased service to businesses

"The new Board is looking forward to working closely with Sally Sternbach, to help implement these strategic initiatives," said Lampert. "These are exciting times for Rockville and GRP is anxious to promote a balanced growth program to bring new businesses to Rockville and help existing businesses grow and prosper."

Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo is a member of the GRP Board of Directors.

"The impending development of our new Town Center makes this the most important time for Rockville in the past four decades," said Giammo. "That alone makes the function of GRP and its Board critical to the City's future. This new Board includes the best of Rockville's business sector—from our largest corporations to home-based businesses, from biotechnology to retail and from long-term Rockville natives to our newest recruits. The reorganized board will help make GRP a great resource to ensure that Rockville remains the preferred business location in Montgomery County." **RR**



City forestry crews worked hundreds of hours to clear fallen trees after the string of storms in late August.

## Major Storms Hit Region; City Has Info For Residents

The thunderstorm that paraded through the region on Tuesday, Aug. 29, is considered one of the worst summer thunderstorms to hit Rockville. That storm was only one of four that hit in a one-week period. Thousands of people were affected, which raised questions about downed trees, downed power lines, power outages, cleanup responsibilities and many others. The City wants to provide more information to residents so they can cope and prepare for the next storm.

The City's departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks work jointly throughout the year to ensure the safety and integrity of City land and buildings. The City's responsibilities are generally limited to public property, so residents should be aware of the ways in which they can protect their own homes and property, as well as useful contact numbers.

Some things residents should note regarding downed trees that are **not** near/touching power wires:

- Trees on City property that fall on City property will be removed by the City (for example, the City's crews will remove a street tree that falls into the street)
- Trees on City property that fall on private property will be removed by the City (for example, a street tree that falls onto a resident's property will be removed by the City)
- Trees on private property that fall onto City property will be moved off of the right-of-way by the City, but cleaning up the remainder of the privately owned tree is the responsibility of the owner (for example, a private tree that falls onto a

City street will be cleared by the City back to the right-of-way limit, but City crews will leave what remains of the tree and it is the owner's responsibility to complete the cleanup)

For *emergencies involving City-owned trees such as street trees*, residents should call 240-314-8700 between the hours of 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Emergency tree cleanup will take place as soon as possible, since they block roads and sidewalks and pose a safety risk. During other hours, call Rockville Police at 240-314-8900.

To report a problem with a City-owned tree that is *not an emergency*, residents should call the City's Tree Maintenance department: 240-314-5007. A non-emergency is a situation that will not be a priority when emergency removals are in progress. All calls are taken and orders are processed. If a resident is unsure whether the tree is a City tree or private tree, City staff will advise.

### Trees and Power Lines

For trees that **are in contact with power wires**, or for downed power wires: First and foremost, residents should **never go near the wires, tree or poles and should call the City**, but should first call Pepco directly at 202-872-3432. Because of safety concerns, *only* Pepco is authorized to remove trees or limbs that are touching power wires.

For power outages, residents should contact Pepco. Residents will receive a return call associated with the restoration of power only after calling Pepco and reporting the outage: 877-737-2662.

### Tips

- Dial 911 if a power line is sparking or causing a fire, if a tree or wire is blocking a roadway or if there is an injured person involved
- Electric wires are usually on poles, but TV and phone lines may or may not be on poles. In reporting issues related to lines, look for identification on poles, from a safe distance. Poles have identifying numbers along with the name of the owning utility. Pepco poles are marked "PEPCO" while Verizon poles may be marked "Verizon" or "C&P."
- Before the next storm, residents should observe trees on their property. Some trees may need to be cleared from power lines. Pepco routinely conducts pruning on a scheduled basis to prevent such situations. However, if a tree is in direct contact with a power line, the tree may have grown faster than Pepco's schedule estimated. In this case, Pepco will accept requests to trim trees in direct contact with power lines: 240-833-7500. Residents should have their Pepco bill when making the call.
- The City conducts routine trimming for trees that are not in contact with power lines. If the tree is City-owned, or if the resident is unsure, contact Rockville's Forestry Division (240-314-5007) for an inspection.

### Good Advice

Dry ice is sometimes provided by Pepco in emergency situations. The Pepco customer service number is 202-833-7500.

In emergency storm situations, especially when power outages occur, check in with elderly neighbors or relatives, and anyone with special needs. **RR**

## Clean Up After Pet

Most people are aware that when walking their dogs (or other pets) they are required to pick up any waste that the pet leaves behind, but sometimes pet owners forget.

According to City Animal Control Ordinance Regulation Section 3, it is considered an "animal nuisance" if pet owners leave pet waste or other items on property that is not his or her own. Not only is cleaning up after your pet a nice thing to do, but it is every owner's civic responsibility.

For example, while walking a dog, if the pet must relieve itself in a City park, owners are required to bring

the waste out of the park with the dog. Similarly, residents should not allow their pooches or other animals to leave waste on another homeowner's property without removing it.

To ensure that waste is removed, pet owners should bring garbage bags along with them while walking their pets. There also are "pooper scoopers" sold at most pet supply stores. The simple act of courtesy will save other residents the chore of cleaning up after other people's pets.

For more information, contact the City's Animal Control Office at 240-314-8930. **RR**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR PEPCO:
877-737-2662: Report power outages
202-872-3432: Report downed wires or downed trees touching wires
202-872-2000 (main): Routine, non-emergency requests
202-833-7500 (customer service): Routine, non-emergency requests
202-872-2369: TTY
202-872-4661: "Habla Espanol"
IMPORTANT ROCKVILLE NUMBERS:
Tree Maintenance: 240-314-5007 Routine requests
Emergency: 240-314-8700 Tree removal during business hours
Emergency: 240-314-8900 Tree removal non-business hours





Each year the City honors the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to help with other residents, events or programs with a Volunteer Appreciation Day at Glenview Mansion. Above is a picture of this year’s celebration held in September. During the Oct. 11 Neighborhood Network Learning Series, residents will have the chance to learn about volunteer opportunities in Rockville. See story below.

## Upcoming Workshops Give Residents More Perspective

Anyone interested in learning about being a better neighbor, leader or person can attend a free, half-day program on Oct. 11 offered by the City’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services called “Neighborhood Network Learning Series.”

The new series consists of two sessions, containing three mini-workshops from which each participant will choose one.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, the workshops are open to any Rockville resident, friends or family.

Among those who could benefit from the program are new City residents, neighborhood association members and leaders, community organization members and anyone interested in civic participation.

The schedule is:  
**Session I/9:15-10:30 a.m.** (participants choose one from Session I)

- ✓ Check your home: property maintenance and public safety tips
- ✓ Blast off with RockNET: Using technology to build a sense of community
- ✓ Sign me up! Volunteering throughout Rockville

**Session II/10:45 a.m.-12 noon** (participants choose one from Session II)

- ✓ Aging in place: Making your neighborhood more livable for people with changing needs
- ✓ Can you hear me now? Organizing or revitalizing a neighborhood
- ✓ We can work it out: Resolve issues in the community through mediation

All workshops are free for Rockville residents. For more information or to register, call 240-314-8344 or e-mail [twhitfield@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:twhitfield@rockvillemd.gov). [RR](#)

## 24-Hour Utilities Hotline

For any City of Rockville water user who experiences a problem with water or sewage, the **first** call should be to the City of Rockville’s 24-hour emergency number: 240-314-8567. If a resident is unsure what service he or she receives, he or she can call the City to verify the water service. By calling the emergency number, the City will be able to clarify if the issue is a City problem, or if the resident will ultimately have to call a plumber.

“The last thing we want is for our residents to incur unnecessary plumbing expenses,” said Prentise Wise, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor for

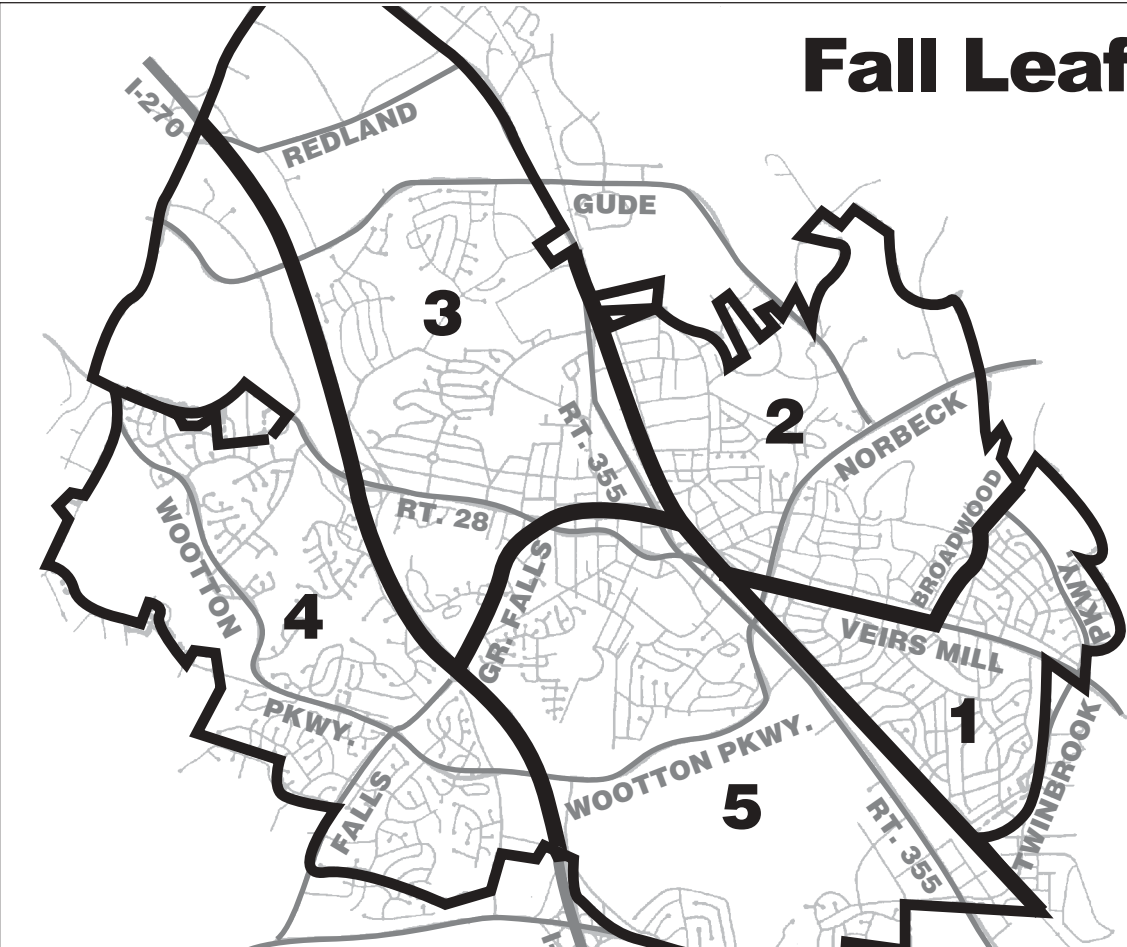
Rockville.

However, anyone who has water service through WSSC should first contact a plumber. According to WSSC, if it is a repeat backup and the previous backup was caused by problems in WSSC’s sewer line, call the WSSC’s “24/7” Emergency Service number at 301-206-4002 for a free inspection and determination of who has responsibility for correcting the problem.

Rockville residents are urged to review their homeowners’ insurance policy to ensure that they are covered for sewer backups. The small fee is worth the peace of mind. [RR](#)



**FREE HOMEWORK HELP ...** Students in first through ninth grades can stop by the Lincoln Park Community Center (357 Frederick Ave.) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. to receive free tutoring in a variety of subjects. Transportation is available from the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center (12920 Twinbrook Parkway) and from the Elwood Smith Community Center (601 Harrington Road at Mercer), upon request. Call Neal Owens at 240-314-8780.



## Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Rockville’s leaf collection program is here and will run through December.

Crews will service each area for five consecutive days. After all areas have been serviced, the process will start over, and each area will be served for an additional five days.

**DO:** Rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 6 a.m. on Friday of the collection week. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects.

**DO NOT:** Use plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

For specific questions, call 240-314-8570.

The Fall Collection dates are as follows :

**AREA 1:**  
Oct. 20 to Oct. 24  
Nov. 24 to Nov. 28

**AREA 2:**  
Oct. 27 to Oct. 31  
Dec. 1 to Dec. 5

**AREA 3:**  
Nov. 3 to Nov. 7  
Dec. 8 to Dec. 12

**AREA 4:**  
Nov. 10 to Nov. 14  
Dec. 15 to Dec. 19

**AREA 5:**  
Nov. 17 to Nov. 21  
Dec. 22 to Dec. 26



# INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the City Government at Work

Starting with the 2003 City elections, Rockville will be publishing all election-related materials that appear in Rockville Reports and on the City Web site in Spanish as well as English. The 2000 United States Census demonstrated the increasing Spanish-speaking population in Rockville. The City wants to ensure all residents have as much information as possible concerning voter registration and information about the election itself.

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## Candidates, Referendum Set for Nov. 4 Election

The field of candidates is set and the campaign season is in full swing for the Nov. 4 City of Rockville election.

Voters will choose between two candidates for Mayor and eight candidates for four Council seats. Candidates were required to submit paperwork, and signatures of 100 certified voters, by the end of the day on Sept. 5.

In addition to the election of a new Mayor and Council, voters also will be asked to express their opinions in a non-binding advisory referendum on the length of terms of the Mayor and Council. Currently, all members of the Mayor and Council are elected every two years. The referendum asks voters if they would prefer that all terms be extended to four years.

All five incumbents filed to seek re-election.

Mayor **Larry Giammo**, who was elected to his first term in 2001, will be challenged by **Russ Hamill**, a longtime Montgomery County official who recently retired.

Councilmembers **Bob Dorsey**, **John Hall, Jr.**, **Susan Hoffmann** and **Anne Robbins** will seek re-election among a total field of eight. All Councilmembers are elected at-large.

**Dorsey** will be seeking his sixth term on the Council and **Robbins** will be seeking her third term. **Hall** and **Hoffmann** each will be seeking a second term.

All four challengers hope to earn a first term in Rockville office.

Candidate **Phyllis Marcuccio** is from East Rockville. **Travis Nelson** is from Falls Grove. **Harry Thomas** lives in the Twinbrook community. And **Lih Young**

is from Fallsmead. **Thomas** and **Young** were candidates for Council in 2003.

The advisory referendum on the length of terms of office stemmed from a recommendation of the Charter Review Commission that was appointed by the Mayor and Council in summer 2002. The commission of residents was asked to study a number of issues related to the City's election laws.

Although the commission found that most policies did not seem in need of change, it recommended that the length of terms be extended.

The commission was not unanimous in its recommendation and in its report, which was delivered to the Mayor and Council on Dec. 31, 2002, the commission wrote: "Little objective evidence exists that four-year terms inherently are better than two-year terms. One of the strongest points in favor of four-year terms discussed by the commission was anticipating a growth in cross-jurisdictional affairs handled by the Mayor and Council and the advantage of having more stable elected officials handling such issues over a longer term."

The referendum only holds advisory status. If a majority of voters favor extended terms, the new Mayor and Council still would have the option to change the charter or to retain two-year terms.

In 1997, a similar non-binding referendum gained a slight majority of voter approval to extend terms, but the then-Mayor and Council chose to leave the length of terms at the traditional two years.

## Los candidatos y el referéndum listos para la elección del 4 de noviembre

El grupo de candidatos se completó y la campaña electoral está en plena marcha para la elección de la Ciudad de Rockville a celebrarse el 4 de noviembre.

Los votantes elegirán entre dos candidatos a Alcalde y ocho candidatos a cuatro asientos del Consejo. Se exigió a los candidatos que presentaran la documentación pertinente y las firmas de 100 votantes certificados no después del 5 de septiembre.

Además de la elección del nuevo Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo, se pedirá a los

votantes que expresen su opinión sobre la

duración de los términos del mandato del Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo en respuesta a un referéndum no vinculante. Actualmente, todos los titulares de los cargos son elegidos cada dos años. El referéndum pregunta a los votantes si prefieren que todos los términos se extiendan a cuatro años.

Los cinco titulares actuales buscan la reelección.

Larry Giammo, el Alcalde elegido para su primer término en 2001, será desafiado por Russ Hamill, un funcionario muy antiguo del Condado de Montgomery que se jubiló recientemente.

Los miembros del Consejo Bob Dorsey, John Hall, Jr., Susan Hoffmann y Anne Robbins buscarán la reelección compitiendo con otros cuatro candidatos. Todos los miembros del Consejo son elegidos para representar a la totalidad del Ciudad.

Dorsey busca ser reelegido para su sexto término en el Consejo y Robbins busca su tercer término. Hall y Hoffmann buscan ser reelegidos para un segundo término.

Los cuatro desafiantes esperan ganar su primer término en el ejercicio de la función pública en Rockville.

El candidato Phyllis

Marcuccio reside en el este de Rockville, Travis Nelson en Falls Grove, Harry Thomas en la comunidad de Twinbrook y Lih Young en Fallsmead. Thomas y Joven fueron candidatos al Consejo en 2003.

El referéndum de consulta sobre la duración de los mandatos provino de una recomendación de la Comisión Revisora de la Constitución de la Ciudad, nombrada por el Alcalde y el Consejo en el verano de 2002. Se solicitó a la comisión de residentes que estudiara varios temas relacionados con las leyes electorales de la Ciudad. Aunque la Comisión encontró que la mayoría de las políticas no parecían necesitar cambios, recomendó que se extendiera la duración de términos de mandato.

La recomendación no fue unánime; en el informe entregado al Alcalde y el Consejo el 31 de diciembre de 2002, la Comisión señaló que:

*"Existen pocas pruebas objetivas de que los términos de cuatro años son intrínsecamente mejores que los términos de dos años. Uno de los puntos más fuertes a favor de los términos de cuatro años tratados por la Comisión fue que se preveía un crecimiento de los asuntos entre las jurisdicciones que deben tratar el Alcalde y el Consejo, y la ventaja de tener funcionarios electos más estables para abordar esos asuntos durante un plazo más largo."*

El referéndum no es vinculante. Si una mayoría de votantes favorece la extensión de los términos de mandato, el nuevo Alcalde y el Consejo tendrán la opción de enmendar la Constitución o mantener los términos de dos años.

En 1997, un referéndum similar fue aprobado por una pequeña mayoría de votantes, pero el luego el Alcalde y el Consejo optaron por mantener la duración de los términos en los dos años tradicionales.

— Translated by Victoria Imas-Duchovny



Mayor  
Larry Giammo



Councilmember  
Robert E. (Bob) Dorsey



Councilmember  
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember  
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember  
Anne M. Robbins

## Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays (unless otherwise noted) when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for October are:

- Oct. 13 Bob Dorsey
- Oct. 20 John Hall, Jr.
- Oct. 27 Susan Hoffmann

## Mayor & Council Meetings

All general sessions, worksessions and public hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are available on streaming video at: [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). All meetings are subject to change.

- Oct. 2 (Thurs.) Worksession, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 (Tues.) Worksession, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 (Mon.) General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 (Mon.) Worksession, 6:30 p.m.; Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (Mon.) General Session and Worksession, 7:30 p.m.

## Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Commission on Environment (one)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Landlord/Tenant (one/tenant)
- Traffic & Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings at City Hall unless noted times and dates

**6** Sign Review Board. 4 p.m.

**8** Cultural Arts Commission. 7:30 p.m.

**8** Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

**11** Board of Appeals. 9:30 a.m.

**14** Human Services Advisory Com-

mission. 7:30 p.m. Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq.

**14** Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Senior Center Board Room.

**15** Rockville Housing Enterprises (Housing Authority). 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Board Room, 14 Moore Dr., Rockville, Md. 20850.

**16** Board of Supervisors of Elections. 5 p.m.

**16** Historic District Commission. 7 p.m.

**16** Rockville Sister City Corporation. 7:30 p.m.

**22** Human Rights Commission. 7:30 p.m.

**22** Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

**23** Recreation and Park Advisory Board. 7 p.m. King Farm.

**23** Senior Citizens Commission. 10 a.m. Rockville Senior Center.

**24** Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

**25** Senior Citizens Commission. 10 a.m. Rockville Senior Center.

**25** Recreation and Park Advisory Board. 7 p.m. at King Farm.



**Election  
2003 Hotline:  
240-314-8286**



# OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs



*This Ford 1909 Model T Touring Car was the ‘People’s Choice’ award winner at last year’s car show.*

## 100 Years of Ford at Rockville Car Show

The anticipation of this year’s Antique and Classic Car Show in Rockville’s Civic Center Park has been widespread, as the City’s Antique and Classic Car Show Committee, along with City’s Special Events staff have developed a timely program as the show continues into its fourth

decade on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. “It was actually pretty easy to come up with the concept,” said Mike Henry, Special Events Coordinator. “With Ford celebrating its 100th anniversary, we figured what could be a more suitable theme for this

year’s car show?”

So the Committee began the daunting task of finding a car to represent each of Ford’s 100 years of business. The most antique of cars proved to be easy finds, Henry said. The 1970s and 80s have been the most difficult. “Nobody seemed to have Pintos, Mavericks or Broncos hanging around,” Henry said. “At least not in decent condition.”

As of printing time, the Committee was searching for 1980s cars. Still, thanks to their efforts, spectators to this year’s show will delight in seeing 400 antique cars - from a Ford 1905 Model F to Model Ts and Model As, Mustangs, Thunderbirds and even a series of emergency rescue cars. There also will be Ford’s special centennial vehicles and the new 2004 F150 truck.

Also featured throughout the day are concerts, food vendors, an auto flea market and more. The show is free to spectators. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 25. Call 240-314-5022. [RR](#)

## Seniors Take a Walk for Children

The City’s Annual Teddy Bear Walk to Shady Grove Hospital is one event that the members of the Senior Center anticipate throughout the year. This Maryland Recreation and Parks Innovative award-winning program provides a heartwarming opportunity for the seniors to connect on an intergenerational level and to exercise at the same time.

This year’s walk is Thursday, Oct. 9, beginning at 9:45 a.m. at the Senior Center, and Joyce Staub, Senior Center Fitness Coordinator, expects another great turnout.

The popular program fosters wellness, generosity, caring and friendships through a morning mile and a half walk by the seniors, with a brand new Teddy Bear in hand. More than 40 seniors usually take the walk, eagerly awaiting the chance to make new friends through the gift of a stuffed toy.

“I’ve participated in five Teddy Bear Walks and will do it again this year,” said Senior Center member Rusty Embrey.



*Dozens of Rockville seniors participate in the annual Teddy Bear Walk, which provides stuffed animals to children at Shady Grove Hospital.*

“It’s good exercise for me and it’s rewarding to be able to put a smile on the face of a child who’s under the weather.”

After the walkers reach their Shady Grove destination, the seniors visit the pediatrics floor and present the children with their gifts. The hospital provides a complementary lunch for the seniors after the visits.

“Even those who are unable to take the walk enjoy participating by donating a stuffed

animal,” Staub said. “We bring all of the donations with us to make sure each child has something happy to play with while they are in the hospital.”

Following lunch, the group then walks back to the Senior Center (another one and a half miles). Transportation is available if needed by any of the participants.

To participate, call 240-314-8822. The rain date is Oct. 10. [RR](#)

their registration. Contact 240-314-8682.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the **Rockville Climbing Gym and Croydon Creek Nature Center** will host open houses with giveaways, programs and more. The Nature Center opens at 9 a.m. (240-314-8770). The Climbing Gym opens at 1 p.m. (240-314-8643).

On Sunday, Oct. 12, the 28th annual **Rockville 10K/5K** will begin at 8:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center. Dubbed “the oldest continuing race in Montgomery County,” organizers expect this year’s event to be well represented. Registration is still open. Visit [www.mcrrc.org/rockville10k](http://www.mcrrc.org/rockville10k), or send an entry form to Rockville 10K/5K, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Contact 240-314-8620. [RR](#)

## Also this month...

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the 15-mile “**Ride for Rockville Lite**” will begin between 8-9 a.m. and will benefit City children. The urban bicycle tour will travel through neighborhoods and parks on low-volume streets and paths. Participants will receive a free water bottle and map with

## Halloween in the City

The City knows how to celebrate Halloween. There are plenty of events for everyone to enjoy the scary and not-so-scary around Rockville. Here is the Halloween breakdown:

**MONDAY, OCT. 20**  
*Treats Without Tricks Cooking*  
Rockville Senior Center  
10 a.m.; Registration required; \$23MEM/\$28NM; 240-314-8800  
Learn tricks to make treats for your little and big guests during the Halloween season. Make Jack O’Lantern jumble pizza dip in a pumpkin, Frightfully Orange punch and more.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22**  
*It’s the Great Pumpkin*  
Croydon Creek Nature Center  
10:30-11:15 a.m.; 1-2 p.m.; Registration required; \$2 RES/\$3 NR; 240-314-8770  
Find the most sincere pumpkin patch with the Nature Center staff. This program is part of the Tiny Tot and Tyke Walks at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, so pre-registration is required.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 24**  
*Haunted Happenings*  
Rockville Civic Center Park  
6-9 p.m. (family fun); 10 p.m. (late show); FREE; 240-314-8605  
The first of its kind in the City, the events for Haunted Happenings is just the way to kick off the Halloween season. Between 6-9 p.m., events include: Rockville cemetery tour; glow-in-the-dark climbing gym; haunted Glenview Mansion gardens; Croydon “Creep” Nature Center; and two family drive-in movies. At 7 p.m. spectators will see *It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*. At 7:30 p.m., the City is showing *Casper*. There is a concession stand with

movie-style treats. For adults, showing at 10 p.m. is a scary feature.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 25**  
*Fall Spooktacular*  
Twinbrook Community Recreation Center; 1-3 p.m.; FREE; 240-314-8830  
An afternoon event for the family, the Fall Spooktacular features Halloween arts and crafts, entertainment, carnival games, prizes, a moonbounce and more. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume, and to bring clothes and pantyhose for scarecrow making. Last year’s event attracted more than 300 people.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 31**  
*Twinbrook Trick or Treat*  
Twinbrook Community Recreation Center; FREE; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; 240-314-8830  
Parents and children are invited to stop by the Center during their trick-or-treating for candy, treats, activities, and for the older children, a “spooky room.”

**FRIDAY, OCT. 31-NOV. 2**  
*Halloween Weekend Haunted House Party*  
Lincoln Park Community Center; Times TBA; FREE  
Very scary haunted house, candy, games and more throughout the weekend.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 2**  
*MCRRC Halloween Young Run*  
Gude Drive and Route 355  
Registration and entry fee required; 9 a.m.; 301-353-0200  
Children 12-under have the chance to participate in a road race all for them. There are three distances: one mile, one-half mile or one-quarter mile.

## Twinbrook Unveils Mural On Oct. 4

As diverse as the community they represent, the completed panels of the Twinbrook Mural Project will be unveiled to the community during a ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m.

Twelve Julius West Middle School students have worked diligently over the last few months creating what will be a visual focal point from the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center (12920 Twinbrook Parkway), as the mural will hang from the outside of the daycare center, just across from the Recreation Center.



*On Oct. 4, the public is invited to attend the unveiling of the ‘Twinbrook Mural Project,’ at 1 p.m. Painted by 12 Julius West Middle School students, the panels reflect diversity in the community. One of the panels is pictured above.*

“I am so proud of these artists,” said Marcial Candido, the City’s project coordinator. “The unveiling is just the first step of a bright future for these talented children.” [RR](#)



# In Brief

## Holiday Drive Begins in Rockville

Rockville’s annual Holiday Drive has helped hundreds of people over the years – with the help of some incredible area children and selfless adult participation.

The holiday drive, which officially kicks off at the Mayor and Council’s General Session on Monday, Oct. 13, collects food and money to supply food baskets to local households for the holiday season. With the help of local organizations, a record number of 688 households received baskets in November and December last year. Residents are encouraged to help any way they can.

CALL **240-314-8307** FOR INFO

## Home Improvement Grants Available

Low- and moderate-income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville’s Home Improvement Program. This includes upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems. Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community Development

Block Grant Program and are administered by the City’s Department of Community Planning and Development Services. Call to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits.

CALL **240-314-8208** FOR INFO

## Child Safety Seat Laws Change Oct. 1

Effective Oct. 1, Maryland has changed the law with regard to child safety seats.

The new law states that a child younger than 6 years (regardless of weight) or who weighs 40 pounds or less (regardless of age) must ride in a correctly used child restraint system (car seats, booster seats, etc.) that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Children who outgrow a car seat at around 40 pounds need to ride in a booster seat because seat belts will not fit them well. Although the law requires that children ride in booster seats up to 6 years of age, most children should ride in booster seats until 8 years of age, when they are big enough for lap and shoulder belts to fit properly.

The City of Rockville Police Department has certified safety seat installers who can correctly install seats for residents. Call for information.

CALL **240-314-8914** FOR INFO

## Adult Volunteer Mentors Needed

The City of Rockville’s Division of Youth, Family and Community Services and College Gardens Elementary School are sponsoring a youth mentoring program for adults for the seventh consecutive year.

Volunteer mentors work one-on-one with students to develop academic and social skills. Mentors are matched with students who share their general interests and strengths. The program is designed to improve participating youths’ self esteem and confidence, help motivate at-risk youths, assist them with problem solving and teach life skills.

Workshops are provided to support the mentors, and there are field trips and picnics planned as part of the program. Mentors must commit for the school year and be available on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (with some flexibility). Mentoring begins in October.

For information, or to sign up, call Mandy Smith of the Division of Youth, Family and Community Services.

CALL **240-314-8318** FOR INFO

**DISCOVER THE FUN**  
with Recreation and Parks all this month



## Hundreds Dive Into ‘Doggie Dip Day’

This year’s success with more than 400 dogs will certainly keep Aquatics Supervisor Beth Fowler thinking toward next year.

Although not every dog jumped right in, most of the canines found the outdoor recreation pool waters just right for wading, diving, frolicking, fetching and whatever else they fancied on the sunny, late summer afternoon. Many dogs came with floating toys, life jackets and other pool-type accessories, while owners struggled not to get their own toys – mostly digital cameras – wet. The event raised more than \$900 for the Montgomery County Humane Society.

**CITY**  
**Sept.27** **Off-Leash Dog Testing.** Tests dogs to see if they may walk without a leash. Middle Lane Parking Lot. 10 a.m. 240-314-8930.

**Sept.30** **Peerless Rockville educational series: “Oldest Rockville.”** 7:30 p.m. Red Brick Courthouse, Rockville Town Center. 301-762-0096.

**1,8,15,22,29** **Out to Lunch Wednesdays.** East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Farmers’ Market, music, local vendors. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**4** **Ride for Rockville “Lite.”** Bicycle through Rockville to benefit City children. 15-mile route. Free. 8-9 a.m. start. 240-314-8627.

**4,11,18,25** **Saturday Farmers’ Market.** Middle Lane Parking lot in Town Center. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**10** **Rockville Tree Project Planting.** Rockcrest Park, Twinbrook. 3:30 p.m. 240-314-8705.

**11** **Neighborhood Network Series.** Informational sessions on emerging City issues for Rockville residents. 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Rockville Senior Center. 240-314-8344.

**11-19** **Peerless Rockville Week.** Variety of events and programs throughout Rockville. 301-762-0096. (See page 2 for full schedule.)

**12** **28th Annual Rockville 10K/5K.** King Farm Village Center. 8:30 a.m. start time. Register early to save. 240-314-8652.

**18** **Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show.** 100 Years of Ford. Rain date: Oct. 25. Free for spectators. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 240-314-5022.

**24** **Haunted Happenings.** Rockville Civic Center Park. Rockville Cemetery Tours, Croydon “Creep” Na-

ture Center, concessions, Drive-In Movies. 6-9 p.m. Drive-In Movies: “Casper,” 7 p.m.; “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown,” 7 p.m.; Late scary movie, 10 p.m. 240-314-5022.

**25** **Fall Spooktacular** at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 1-3 p.m. For families with young children. Moonbounce, carnival games and prizes, Halloween crafts, scarecrow making and pumpkin making. Come in costume. Free. 240-314-8830.

**31** **Trick-Or-Treat** at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Candy, activities and a spooky room. Free. 240-314-8830.

**ARTS**  
**7-30** **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.** Suzanne Donazetti, painting on copper; Herb Witenstein, sculpture. Free. Reception: 1-4 p.m., Sun., Oct. 12; Artist Talk: 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 16; Guided Gallery Tour: 10 a.m., Fri., Oct. 17. 240-314-8682.

**4** **Twinbrook Mural Dedication.** 1 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 240-314-8315.

**11** **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference.** Montgomery College in Rockville. See FOTA for details. 301-309-9461.

**12** **Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert.** U. S. Navy Band, Chamber Ensemble: varied repertoire. Free. 2 p.m. 240-314-8682.

**NATURE CENTER**  
*All programs at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Phone: 240-314-8770.*

# october calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

**1** **Curious Coons.** With stories, crafts and a hike, learn about raccoons. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

**3** **Monarch Butterfly Migration.** Search for mass numbers of monarchs. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 16-over. \$20 RES/\$23 NR.

**4** **Fall Colors and Bird Walk.** Bring binoculars and good hiking shoes. 7-9 a.m. Ages 18-over. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

**4** **Discover the Fun Open House.** Magician, live animals, movies, outdoor activities and more. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All ages. Free.

**7** **Fall Colors: Red ...Orange ...Yellow.** Learn why and how the giants of the woods change their leaf colors. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

**10** **Owl Prowl.** All about owls. 7-8 p.m. All ages. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

**11** **Patapsco Valley State Park Hike.** Take a scenic two-mile walk through the wooded river valley on a novice trail and much more. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 16-over. \$15 RES/\$20 NR.

**15** **Autumn Hike.** See what’s happening in the woods this time of year. 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-over. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

**17** **Autumn Apples.** School’s out: all about apples. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 5-over. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

**17** **Scarecrow Wreath.** School’s out: Make a wreath from nature. 2-3 p.m. Ages 3-over. \$10 RES/\$12 NR.

**18** **Flocking, Herding and Schooling.** Explore these animal behaviors. 6-7 p.m. All ages. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

**22** **Tiny Tot Walk: It’s the Great Pumpkin.** Explore a pumpkin patch. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 18-24 months. Early registration: Oct. 8. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

**22** **Tyke Hike: It’s the Great Pumpkin.** Explore a pumpkin patch. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5 years. Early registration: Oct. 8. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

**23** **Squirrel Shenanigans.** Understand these sneaky critters through a game, hike and craft. 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

**24** **Croydon CREEP Nature Center.** Part of Haunted Happenings. 6-8 p.m. All ages. Free.

**SENIORS**  
*All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.*

**1** **Birthday and Anniversary Party.** Celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. 1:30-3 p.m. Free.

**2-9** **Computer Essentials** (Tuesday, Thursday). Understand computer terms and uses. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration required. \$15 MEM/\$19 NM.

**8-Nov.12** **Woodworking – Beginning Projects.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee \$88 MEM/\$100 NM.

**8-Nov.12** **Hand Chime Choir.** 3-4 p.m. Free.

**10** **Meet and Greet Local Authors:** Eleanor Cunningham. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register by Oct. 3. Free.

**13,21,23** **Beginners Intro to Computers.** Learn to use the keyboard, mouse and word processing. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday). Registration required.

**15-29** **Understanding Windows** (Wednesday, Monday). Learn programs that will be useful. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration required. \$25 MEM/\$30 NM.

**15** **Classical Music Appreciation** with Murray Stein. Free.

**16** **Common Foot Problems.** All about foot health. 1-2 p.m. Free.

**17** **Mosaic Picture Frame.** Picture frames from tiles and stained glass. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$17 MEM/\$21 NM.

**20** **Treats Without Tricks Cooking.** Make Jack O’Lantern jumble pizza dip in a pumpkin and more. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Oct. 6. \$23 MEM/\$28 NM.

**21** **Pressure Point Therapy.** Understand and learn to locate pressure points associated with common conditions such as headaches, etc. 1-2:30 p.m. Free.

**22-Nov.26** **Beginning Bridge.** Learn to play the popular card game. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register by Oct. 15. \$38 MEM/\$48 NM.

**23** **Protect Your Legacy.** Learn to create a documentary of your life. 1-3 p.m. Free.

**23** **Swing ’n Sing.** Dance as the J.C. Combo, a seven-piece band and soloist, provides the music. 1-2:30 p.m. Register by Oct. 9. \$7 MEM/\$10 NM.

**28** **Clarify Computer Concepts.** Reinforce beginner concepts. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration required. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM.

**28,30** **Simple Word Processing.** Learn Notepad and WordPad. 1-3 p.m. Registration required. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM.

**28-Dec.4** **Spanish – Intermediate** (Tuesday, Thursday). Continuation of Beginner II Spanish. 1-3 p.m. Registration required. \$35 MEM/\$40 NM.



Rockville Up Close: Grant Provides Camaraderie for PWCA

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

Not sure how to help fund a neighborhood project? How about a Rockville Neighborhood Matching Grant. The City provides neighborhood matching grant money to organized and active neighborhood associations to be used for crime prevention, planning, outreach and other community-type projects. In the past, groups have used the money for sign construction and other beautification projects. The Potomac Woods Citizens Association (PWCA) recently used the matching grant to build a sense of community. For the past 30-plus years the PWCA has held a lively Labor Day picnic for the community, which is located on the southwest edge of Rockville. This year's event featured a bike parade, face painting, wa-



There were plenty of activities and games for children during the annual Labor Day picnic for the Potomac Woods Citizens Association, such as the Bike Parade (top picture) and kids' games (pictured below). (Pictures courtesy PWCA)



ter balloon toss, moonbounce, food and games. More than 200 people attended. With the help of the matching grant money, the event was a huge success, living up to the tradition of being the most popular event for the PWCA. "It's safe to say that a good time was had by all," said Carl Peterson of the PWCA. "Using the grant money for an event like this is a fantastic idea. We're glad to have such an opportunity to work with the City like that." Neighborhood Resource Coordinator Dwayne Jenkins said that last year more than \$8,000 in matching grants were delivered to associations. To "match," groups can substitute volunteer hours for money. Last year 781 volunteer hours were logged for the matching grants. "It's a great feeling to help organizations have fun," Jenkins said. "All they have to do is apply for the grant. We will take care of the rest, and hopefully, the event will be a success, much like the Potomac Woods' event." RR



Volunteer Time: Community Services Day: Sat., Oct. 25

There are infinite ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations that could use assistance by volunteering in the City. Each month "Volunteer Time" will highlight a volunteer opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Rockville will participate in Community Services Day, now in its 17th year. Coordinated by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, this annual event is designed to promote volunteering by matching people with community service projects that benefit public and private nonprofit agencies throughout the county. In past years, several thousand county residents – including Rockville residents – have volunteered for a range of projects including grounds cleanup and fall landscaping, painting, food drives, tutoring and visiting nursing home residents throughout Rockville and the county.

This year, the City will sponsor trail and stream valley cleanup projects at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, Elwood Smith Park, Dogwood Park and Civic Center Park. Participants will remove litter and unnatural debris from these areas. "The cleanup projects provide a great benefit for the stream valley environment," said Mike Critzer, Parks Service Manager for the City. "Cleaning up the area has always been enjoyable for the volunteers. They have a chance to be outdoors and to do something great for the environment. The projects really are beneficial to everyone involved."

Interested residents are encouraged to call 240-777-2600 to volunteer. RR

Nominations Open for Taff and MLK, Jr. Awards Deadline is Dec. 8 for Awards Sponsored by Human Rights Commission

The City's Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for its annual F. Michael Taff Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award that will be presented at the City's 32nd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Jan. 19. The nomination deadline for both awards is Dec. 8. The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. This contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, raise public awareness of disability issues, or in any

way further the cause of people with disabilities. The award bears the name of F. Michael Taff, former chairperson of the Rockville Human Rights Commission who demonstrated a commitment to people with disabilities. Last year's winner was Vivian Bass, Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes "This award is really a statement of kindness, generosity and selflessness on behalf of the recipient," said Janet Kelly, the City's staff coordinator of the event. The Taff Award is open to a

business, non-profit employer or individual. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award honors a student attending a high school in Rockville who has embraced and promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominees for the award will be judged on their consistent attention to pursuing avenues leading to peace and/or awareness and appreciation for everyone. Last year's award recipient was Miryam Oziel, a then-senior at Richard Montgomery High School. "The Martin Luther King, Jr.

Youth Award is typically presented to a teen who embodies the vision of the great Dr. King Jr.," Kelly said. "Last year's recipient, Miryam, exhibited these qualities through her commitment and focus of making his teachings a reality." Applications for the awards may be obtained by calling the Human Rights Office at 240-314-8316. Send completed applications to the Rockville Human Rights Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md., 20850. To request this information in another form, call the City's ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8139 (TTY 240-314-8137). RR

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL OCTOBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Permit Process	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Permit Process	Permit Process	Permit Process
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council ▼	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▼
9 am	▼	Candidates Debate/Forum ▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Candidates Debate/Forum ▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Candidates Debate/Forum ▼	▼
10 am	▼	▼	Candidates' Statements	▼	Candidates' Statements	▼	▼
11 am	Cityline	▼	Exploring Rockville's Past	▼	Permit Process	▼	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
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